2015 Current Fiscal Year Report: Pennington Resource Advisory Committee

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1. Department or Agency	**2. Fiscal Year**
Department of Agriculture	2015
3. Committee or Subcommittee	**3b. GSA Committee No.**
Pennington Resource Advisory Committee	73556

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?	**5. Current Charter**	**6. Expected Renewal Date**	**7. Expected Term Date**
No	06/10/2014		

8a. Was Terminated During FiscalYear?	**8b. Specific Termination Authority**	**8c. Actual Term Date**
Yes	PL 110-393 and PL 112-141	07/13/2015

9. Agency Recommendation for Next FiscalYear	**10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?**	**10b. Legislation Pending?**
Terminate	No	Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority Statutory (Congress Created)

12. Specific Establishment Authority	**13. Effective Date**	**14. Commitee Type**	**14c. Presidential?**
The SRS and Community Self-Determination Act as reauthorized in PL 110-343 and PL 112-141.	10/03/2008	Continuing	No

15. Description of Committee Other Committee

16a. Total Number of Reports	No Reports for this FiscalYear

17a. Open 0 **17b. Closed** 0 **17c. Partially Closed** 0 **Other Activities** 0 **17d. Total** 0 **Meetings and Dates**

No Meetings

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	$0.00	$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	$0.00	$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	$0.00	$0.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	$0.00	$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	$0.00	$0.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	$0.00	$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	$0.00	$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	$0.00	$0.00

18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	$0.00	$0.00
18d. Total	$0.00	$0.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.00	0.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The purpose of a Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act resource advisory committee is to provide advice and recommendations to the Forest Service consistent with Division C, Title VI of Public Law 110-343.The Act describes the duties of the committees as follows: to review projects proposed by counties and other interested parties; to recommend projects and funding; to provide early and continuous coordination with Forest Service officials; to provide frequent opportunities for citizens, organizations, tribes, land management agencies and other interested parties to participate openly and meaningfully, beginning in the early stages of project development; to monitor projects approved under the Act; to advise the designated federal official on the progress of monitoring; and to make recommendations for any appropriate changes or adjustments to projects being monitored.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The committee is comprised of 15 members, five in each of three categories prescribed in the Act. Within each category, the Act identifies specific interests members are to represent. Committees are formed in geographic areas to ensure each national forest located within a participating county or counties has access to a resource advisory committee. The Act requires members to be residents of the state or states within which the committee has jurisdiction.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

The committee generally will meet 1-4 times per year as needed to perform its duties, or as often as needed. No meetings in FY13, as the committee was not reauthorized

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

The RAC is necessary to improve collaborative relationships among the people that use and care for the National Forests and to provide advice and recommendations to the Forest Service concerning projects and funding consistent with Title II of the Act.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

All meetings are open to the public.

21. Remarks

No activity in FY2015, as the committee was terminated this fiscal year to merge with a new RAC established to cover the Black Hills National Forest under the Black Hills RAC.

Designated Federal Officer

Robert J. Thompson District Ranger, Mystic Ranger District

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Berg, Ervin	03/06/2011	03/06/2015	President/Treasurer – Rockwell City Rotary	Representative Member
Black, Debra	03/06/2011	03/06/2015	Horse Country Living Magazine	Representative Member
Brondos, Patrick	03/06/2011	03/06/2015	Timber Sales / Logging	Representative Member
Brown, Patty	03/06/2011	03/06/2015	Board Member - Off-Road Riders Association	Representative Member
Cole, Jerry	03/06/2011	03/06/2015	Director - City Parks & Recreation	Representative Member
Conrad, Daniel	03/06/2011	03/06/2015	Teacher - Rapid City Area Schools, Central High School	Representative Member
Edel, Kenneth	03/06/2011	03/06/2015	Founder - Black Hills Anglers	Representative Member
Glines, James	03/06/2011	03/06/2015	Board Vice-President – NAJA Shrine/RMEF/SDYAH, Inc.	Representative Member
Gustin, Dirk	03/06/2011	03/06/2015	Black Hills Mountain Bike Association	Representative Member
Hausle, Donald	03/06/2011	03/06/2015	Certified Financial Planner/Owner – Don Hausle, CFP – The Black Hills Retirement Specialist	Representative Member
LaGrande, Quintin	03/06/2011	03/06/2015	Owner - Glazed and Dazed Donuts	Representative Member
Litzen, Lori	03/06/2011	03/06/2015	Resident	Representative Member
Tillisch, Stanley	03/06/2011	03/06/2015	Black Hills Historic Preservation Trust	Representative Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 13

Narrative Description

By recommending projects that maintain and improve the health of national forest ecosystems and improve cooperative relationships among the people who use and care for the national forests, the Secure Rural Schools resource advisory committees support the Forest Service mission to sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of the Nation's forests and grasslands to meet the needs of present and future generations. The committees specifically support Forest Service strategic goals to 1. Restore, sustain, and enhance the national forests; and 2. Provide and sustain benefits to the American people

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

Improvements to health or safety ✓

	Checked if Applies
Trust in government	✓
Major policy changes	☐
Advance in scientific research	☐
Effective grant making	✓
Improved service delivery	☐
Increased customer satisfaction	✓
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	☐
Other	☐

Outcome Comments

Not Applicable

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

	Checked if Applies
None	☐
Unable to Determine	✓
Under $100,000	☐
$100,000 - $500,000	☐
$500,001 - $1,000,000	☐
$1,000,001 - $5,000,000	☐
$5,000,001 - $10,000,000	☐
Over $10,000,000	☐
Cost Savings Other	☐

Cost Savings Comments

Not Applicable

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

21

Number of Recommendations Comments

N/A

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

100%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

ALL recommendations has been completed.

What is the approximate <u>Percentage</u> of these recommendations that have been or will be <u>Partially</u> implemented by the agency?
0%

% of Recommendations <u>Partially</u> Implemented Comments
All recommendations have been completed.

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?
Yes ✔   No ☐   Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments
The Forest Service (FS) Designated Federal Official regularly reports to the committee on whether recommended projects proposals are or are not approved by the FS. The DFO also reports on actions taken to implement approved projects. This may take the form of verbal reports and presentations at committee meetings, committee field trips and monitoring activities.

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

	Checked if Applies
Reorganized Priorities	☐
Reallocated resources	☐
Issued new regulation	☐
Proposed legislation	☐
Approved grants or other payments	☐
Other	☐

Action Comments
Not Applicable

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?
No

Grant Review Comments

No grants reviewed this Fisal Year.

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO ✔

Online Agency Web Site ✔

Online Committee Web Site ✔

Online GSA FACA Web Site ✔

Publications ✔

Other ☐

Access Comments

Not applicable.